the effective date of the reduction in force.

- (b) This certification may be issued to a competing employee only when the agency determines:
- (1) There is a good likelihood the employee will be separated under this part;
- (2) Employment opportunities in the same or similar position in the local commuting area are limited or non-existent:
- (3) Placement opportunities within the employee's own or other Federal agencies in the local commuting area are limited or nonexistent; and
- (4) If eligible for optional retirement, the employee has not filed a retirement application or otherwise indicated in writing an intent to retire.
- (c) A certification is to be addressed to each individual eligible employee and must be signed by an appropriate agency official. A certification must contain the expected date of reduction in force, a statement that each factor in paragraph (b) of this section has been satisfied, and a description of Workforce Investment Act of 1998, title I, programs, the Interagency Placement Program, and the Reemployment Priority List.
- (d) A certification may not be used to satisfy any of the notice requirements elsewhere in this subpart.
- (e) An agency determination of eligibility for certification may not be appealed to OPM or the Merit Systems Protection Board.
- (f) An agency may also enroll eligible employees on the agency's Reemployment Priority List up to 6 months in advance of a reduction in force. For requirements and criteria, see subpart B of part 330 of this chapter.

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# Subpart I—Appeals and Corrective Action

## §351.901 Appeals.

An employee who has been furloughed for more than 30 days, separated, or demoted by a reduction in force action may appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board.

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#### §351.902 Correction by agency.

When an agency decides that an action under this part was unjustified or unwarranted and restores an individual to the former grade or rate of pay held or to an intermediate grade or rate of pay, it shall make the restoration retroactively effective to the date of the improper action.

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